

Obviousness Type Double Patenting

All claims stand rejected for obviousness type double patenting over claims 1 and 2 of the '096 patent. In response, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer herewith, waiving the terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted upon the above-identified application subsequent to the expiration date of the '096 patent.

CONCLUSION

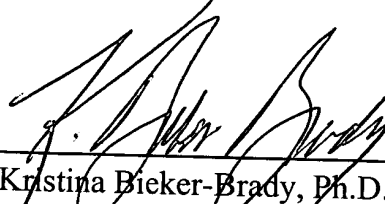
Applicants submit that, in view of the above, allowance of this application is proper and early favorable action is solicited. Enclosed is a petition and a check to extend the reply period for three months to and including May 7, 2001.

If there are any additional charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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